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Chair Shanaysha Sauls
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Vice-Chair Paul Pinsky
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Dear Dr. Sauls and Senator Pinsky:

As a State Senator representing Maryland's Eastern Shore and a member of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, I respectfully am writing to request that the Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee reopen the application process to ensure that the Accountability and Implementation Board adequately represents Maryland's geographic, racial and gender diversity as required in statute.

Representing Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset, I especially am concerned with the lack of representation from the Eastern Shore and from the majority of jurisdictions in the State. As you know, only nominees from Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City and Montgomery County have been named to the AIB Board. There is no representation from the Eastern Shore, Western Maryland, or any rural jurisdiction. Within the past week, I have talked to local Board of Education members from my district who are alarmed by the prospect of no representation on the Accountability and Implementation Board.

Given that there are nine nominees representing only four jurisdictions in the State, it is a fair, reasonable and bipartisan request of the AIB Nominating Committee to provide additional nominees to ensure that individuals are appointed to the AIB Board who truly reflect all of Maryland's student population and constituencies.

Thank you for your fair and full consideration of this urgent request.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Beth Carozza".

MARY BETH CAROZZA
State Senator – District 38
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